

This amendment finds clear basis in the specification as filed and has been made to the claim to clearly define the invention.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims as being anticipated by Coplan et al are requested. The examiner recognizes that Coplan et al does not disclose nor in any way remotely suggest the manufacture of a sustained release pheromone dispenser which has an annular portion as set forth in the present claims. Most certainly, Coplan contains no disclosure or suggestion of the step of pulling apart the central portions of side by side tubes to create an annular portion. Consequently, this reference in no way anticipates the present invention as claimed and most certainly, contains no disclosure which might possibly suggest the method as claimed.

Accordingly, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration and prompt notice to that affect are earnestly solicited.

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Encls.: Marked-up copy of page 1 of the specification;  
Marked-up copy of claim 6.

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predetermined pitches by heating under a pressure and then cutting them at each fused portion.

6. The method for preparing an annular sustained release pheromone-dispenser as set forth in claim <sup>--10--</sup>5 wherein the plurality of plastic tubes are fused  
5 by heating under a pressure after sandwiching the portion to be fused between a pair of pieces made of a plastic identical to that of the plastic tubes.

7. A method for preparing an annular sustained release pheromone-dispenser comprising the steps of extruding a plastic through a die which comprises a plurality of holes each having a core and a slit connecting the  
10 plurality of holes to thus continuously form a plurality of plastic tubes connected together through a web formed by the slit; forming a cut on a part of the web, extending along a direction in agreement with the longitudinal direction of the plastic tubes; filling each of the plurality of plastic tubes with a synthetic liquid sex pheromone; and then closing both ends of each plastic tube.

15 8. A tool for installing an annular sustained release pheromone-dispenser having hooks for attaching or detaching the annular sustained release pheromone-dispenser as set forth in claim 1 or 2, which are pulled apart from each other, the hooks being fitted to both upper ends of the wire with the lower end of the wire being secured to the top end of a rod.